

## Command Group

Colonel Finley R. Hamilton, *Commander* ..... Richmond, Kentucky  
 Lieutenant Colonel John C. Clanton, *Deputy Commander* ..... Sumter, South Carolina  
 Second Lieutenant Daniel E. Toven, *Associate Conductor* ..... Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
 Sergeant Major David W. Keller, *Band Sergeant Major* ..... Bergen, New York

## Jazz Ambassadors

Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Laird, *Director* ..... Arcade, New York

### Saxophones/Woodwinds

Sergeant Major Eugene Thorne, *NCOLC\** ..... Vero Beach, Florida  
 Sergeant Major Pat Dillon, *Assistant Director\*\** ..... Ashwaubenon, Wisconsin  
 Master Sergeant Darryl Brenzel\* ..... Germantown, New York  
 Staff Sergeant Andrew Layton ..... Kent, Washington  
 Staff Sergeant Pat Shook ..... Spokane, Washington

### Trumpets

Sergeant First Class Kevin Watt\* ..... Grand Rapids, Michigan  
 Sergeant First Class Michael Johnston ..... Denver, Colorado  
 Sergeant First Class Jack Wengrosky ..... Hillside, Illinois  
 Staff Sergeant Paul Armstrong ..... Fairfield, California  
 Staff Sergeant Paul Stephens ..... Del City, Oklahoma

### Trombones

Master Sergeant Mike Buckley\*\* ..... Annandale, Virginia  
 Sergeant First Class Jeff Adams ..... Hemet, California  
 Sergeant First Class Christopher Buckholz ..... Ann Arbor, Michigan  
 Staff Sergeant Major Bailey ..... Satellite Beach, Florida

### Vocalist

Sergeant First Class Marva Lewis ..... Denison, Texas

### Rhythm Section

Master Sergeant Steve Cospet, *Guitar\*\** ..... Panama City, Florida  
 Sergeant First Class Todd Harrison, *Drums\** ..... Houston, Texas  
 Sergeant First Class Jeff Lopez, *Bass\** ..... Staten Island, New York  
 Sergeant First Class Tim Young, *Piano* ..... Newport News, Virginia

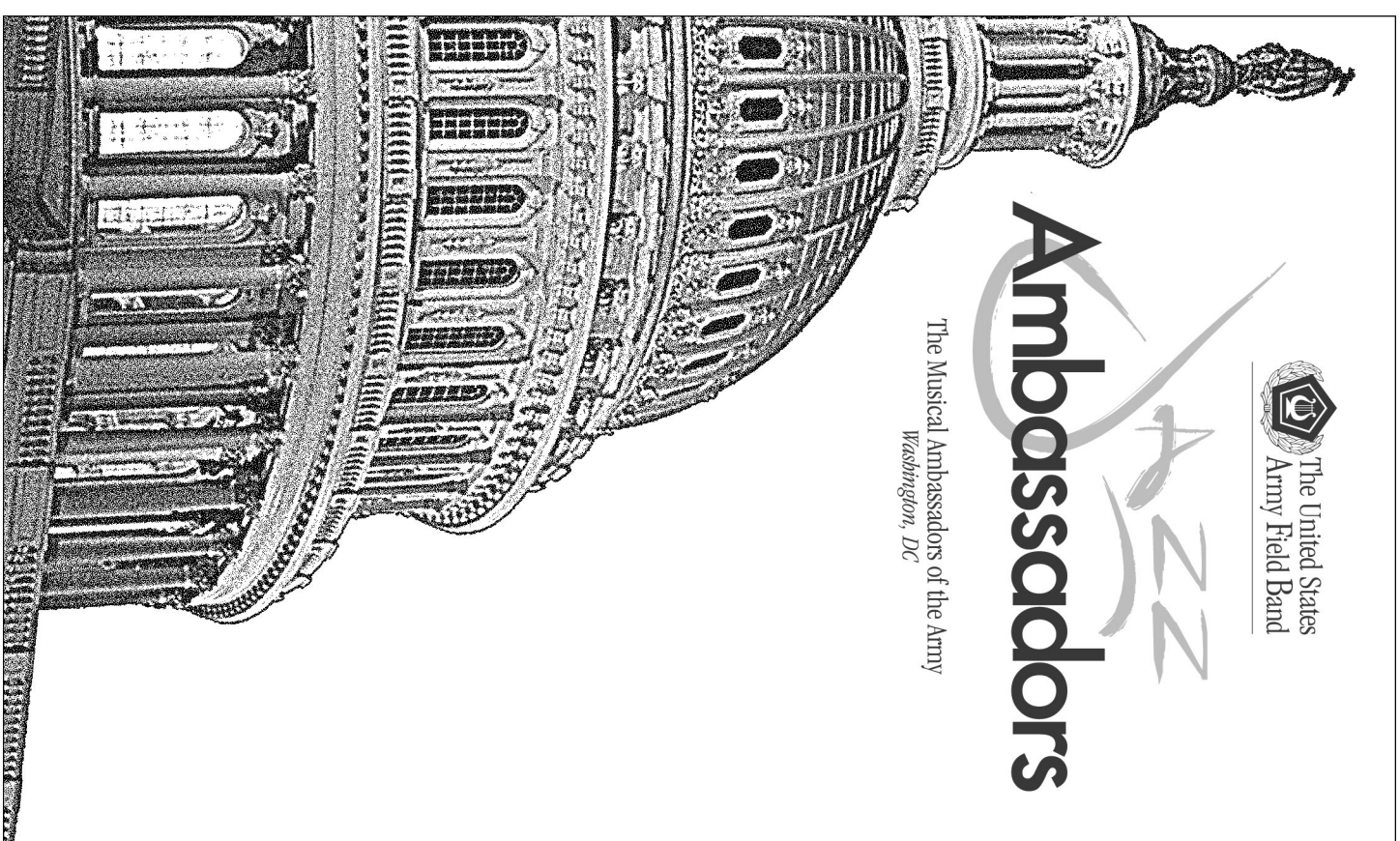
### Transportation/Stage Support

Master Sergeant Chris Dodrill, *Audio Technician* ..... Las Vegas, Nevada  
 Sergeant First Class Rodney Johnson ..... Elgard, Louisiana  
 Sergeant Michael Alexander ..... Brockport, New York  
 Sergeant Ashley Bryant ..... Royston, Georgia

\*Jazz Ambassadors Staff Arranger      \*\*Section Leader

**The mission of The United States Army Field Band is to "carry into the grassroots of our country the story of our magnificent Army."**

In performances across America and throughout the world, the men and women of this organization take great pride in reflecting the excellence of all our nation's soldiers.





# Ambassadors

The Musical Ambassadors of the Army  
Washington, DC

**Meridian, Mississippi**  
**November 9, 2004**

Humbug.....	Don Sebesky
When Sunny Gets Blue.....	Marvin Fisher & Jack Segal, arr. Hank Levy <i>Sergeant First Class Michael Johnston, trumpet</i>
Over There.....	George M. Cohan, trans. Jim Perry
Next Chapter.....	SGM Eugene Thorne*
Exactly Like You.....	Dorothy Fields & Jimmy McHugh, arr. MSG Vince Norman* <i>Sergeant First Class Marva Lewis, vocal</i>
I Fall to Pieces.....	Hank Cochran & Harlan Howard arr. MSG Darryl Brenzel*
Save the Bones for Henry Jones.....	Danny Barker, Michael Goldsen, Henry Jones arr. MSG Darryl Brenzel*
INTERMISSION	
Cute.....	Neal Hefti
Harlem Airshaft.....	Duke Ellington
A Visit to New Orleans.....	selections to be announced
Walk on By.....	Burt Bacharach & Hal David, arr. MSG Darryl Brenzel* <i>Sergeant First Class Marva Lewis, vocal</i>
Armed Forces Salute.....	various, arr. MSG Vince Norman*
America the Beautiful.....	Katherine Lee Bates & Samuel A. Ward, arr. CW4 Kevin Laird* *Staff Arranger, The U.S. Army Field Band

**The Jazz Ambassadors** is the United States Army's premier touring jazz orchestra. As a component of The United States Army Field Band of Washington, DC, this internationally-acclaimed organization travels thousands of miles each year to present jazz, America's national treasure, to enthusiastic audiences in every state in the nation and around the world.

Formal public concerts, school assemblies, clinics, music festivals, and radio and television appearances are all part of the Jazz Ambassadors' yearly schedule. The band has appeared in all fifty states, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Japan, and the Republic of India. Notable performances include participation in the inaugurations of presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, appearances at the Nice Jazz Festival in France, the North Sea Jazz Festival in the Netherlands, the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, the Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans, and the Newport Jazz Festival in Rhode Island.

Many of the members are also composers and arrangers whose writing helps create the band's unique sound. Concert repertoire includes big band swing, bebop, contemporary jazz, popular tunes, and dixieland. Each program includes exciting selections by the band's talented and versatile vocalist, Sergeant First Class Marva Lewis.

Whether performing in the United States or representing our country overseas, the Jazz Ambassadors entertains audiences of all ages and backgrounds by presenting the American art form known as jazz.

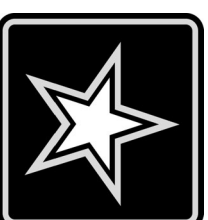
**Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Laird** is a native of Arcade, New York. He graduated from the State University of New York at Potsdam in 1976, earning a Bachelor of Music in Education, and in 1978 received a Master of Arts in Fine Arts from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University). He enlisted in the United States Army later that year and spent the next five years on staff at the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia. After eight years as percussionist, arranger, and leader of the stage band at Fort Monroe, Virginia, he was transferred to Heidelberg, Germany, and recommended for warrant officer.

Mr. Laird completed the Warrant Officer Bandmaster Course in 1993 and assumed command of the 1st Cavalry Division Band at Fort Hood, Texas. Four years later, he was appointed Associate Bandmaster and Director of the Jazz Knights of the United States Military Academy Band, West Point, New York. Mr. Laird became Director of the Jazz Ambassadors in August 2000.

**Your comments** about our program are greatly appreciated and may be sent by e-mail to [fldband@enh1.fincade.army.mil](mailto:fldband@enh1.fincade.army.mil) or to the following address:

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